1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 6 7 JOSEPH HOLLAND, Plaintiff. Case No. C17-0170RSM 8 9 v. ORDER DECLINING TO ADOPT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION CITY OF SEATTLE, et al., 10 AND REFERRING MATTER TO Defendants. JUDGE THEILER 11 12 On May 16, 2017, the Honorable Mary Alice Theiler, United States Magistrate Judge, 13 issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that the Court dismiss Plaintiff's 14 Complaint. As a basis for that recommendation, Judge Theiler explained that she had previously 15 issued an Order directing Plaintiff to either file an amended complaint consistent with another prior 16 Order declining to serve his original complaint, or to advise the Court that he wished to dismiss 17 this action, not later than May 1, 2017. Dkt. #10 at 2. Plaintiff was also advised that if he failed 18 to communicate his intention to the Court in a timely fashion, the Court would dismiss this action 19 for failure to prosecute. Id. As of the date of her R&R, Judge Theiler noted that the Court had 20 received no further communication from Plaintiff, and she therefore recommended dismissal for 21 failure to prosecute. *Id.* 22 Since the time that Judge Theiler issued her R&R, Plaintiff has filed an Amended 23 Complaint and a Motion to Appoint Counsel. Dkts. #11 and #12. Although neither of these filings ORDER - 1

are timely responses to Judge Theiler's prior Orders, the Court recognizes its interest in resolving matters on the merits. Accordingly, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS: (1) The Court DECLINES TO ADOPT the Report and Recommendation; (2) This entire action, including the pending motion to appoint counsel, is RE-REFERRED to Judge Theiler for resolution. In addition to performing the normal course of review of pending motions, Judge Theiler shall review the Amended Complaint for compliance with her prior Orders, and shall make any necessary Orders or Recommendations after such review; and The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Plaintiff and to the Honorable (3) Mary Alice Theiler. DATED this 9th day of June, 2017. CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE ORDER - 2